

CLAIMS

1. A method of dermal protection following contact between the skin and a composition comprising a bipyridylium herbicide which method comprises incorporating an alginate in said composition.
- 5 2. A method according to claim 1 in which the bipyridium herbicide is a paraquat salt
3. A method according to claim 1 in which the bipyridylium herbicide is a diquat salt.
4. A method according to claim 1 in which the bipyridium herbicide is a mixture of a paraquat salt and a diquat salt.
5. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein the composition is an
10 aqueous concentrate composition containing at least 25 grams per litre of bipyridylium ion.
6. A method according to claim 5 wherein the composition contains from 50 grams per litre to 250 grams per litre of bipyridylium ion.
7. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein the average molecular
15 weight of the alginate is 5,000 to 250,000.
8. A method according to claim 7 wherein the average molecular weight is from 10,000 to 200,000.
9. A method according to any of claims 1 to 6 wherein the 1% Solution Viscosity of the alginate is from 2 to 2000mPas.
- 20 10. A method according to claim 9 wherein the 1% Solution Viscosity of the alginate is from 2 to 1,500 mPas.
11. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein the concentration of the alginate in the composition is from 1 to 50 g/l.
12. A method according to claim 11 wherein the concentration of the alginate in the
25 composition is from 5 to 15 g/l.
13. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein the composition contains one or more surfactants.
14. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein the composition contains an emetic.
- 30 15. A method according to any of the preceding claims wherein the composition contains a purgative.